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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy
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SUBJECT: Homebound and Hospitalized Services

The *State School Aid Act* requires school districts to provide homebound and hospitalized services to pupils who are unable to attend school for more than five school days because of a medical condition. Section 388.1709 of the Act requires the Michigan Department of Education on a biannual basis to distribute information to local and intermediate school districts as well as other parties who may be serving pupils who are homebound or hospitalized.

The Department has developed the document “Homebound and Hospitalized Services for Public School Students” to provide information on the responsibility of public school districts, parents, and other primary care givers for pupils who are homebound or hospitalized. The document provides helpful information on establishing district-wide procedures that assure the timely provision of homebound and hospitalized services to pupils being educating in public schools. For an online version of the document go to www.michigan.gov/mde, select the **Government Services and Customer Satisfaction** link under **MDE Quick Links** then click on **Issue Papers and Related Information** under **Other Resources**.

If you have questions regarding homebound and hospitalized services, please contact the Office of Customer Satisfaction, Michigan Department of Education at 517-373-6534 or 888-323-4231.

cc: Parent Organizations for the Handicapped
Michigan Hospital Association

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